

REMARKS

In the Office Action, page 3, it is indicated that claims 77 and 80 were "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form..." The above Amendments to the claims and newly added claims 108-115 are intended to implement the indication of allowable claims to receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Specifically, allowable dependent claim 79 relating to convergent major surfaces has been incorporated into claim 76 thus rendering claims 76 through 84 and 96 through 105 allowable according to the Office Action. Claims 87 and 88 have been similarly amended. They should be allowable for the same reasons as claims 76. Claim 79 has, therefore, been cancelled.

Allowable dependent claim 80, relating to divergent minor surfaces, and prior claim 76 have been used to create new claims 108-115. Claim 80, therefore, has been cancelled.

As indicated in the Office Action new claims 108-115 should also be allowable. The above claim amendments are offered to place all claims in condition for allowance. The claim amendments are made without prejudice to Applicant's right to prosecute claims of similar scope in further applications.

§ 112 Rejections and Responsive Amendments

Applicant has made several clarifying amendments to claims 76, 87, and 88 as directed at pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action. New claims 108, 115, 116 and 117 incorporate the same directives. All of the § 112 rejections are thereby thought to be overcome.

Reservation of Right to Respond to Other Rejections

Rather than responding to the various art rejections Applicant has chosen to take the claim coverage offered at this time. No acquiescence in the art (or other) rejections should be assumed by the action taken here. Applicant reserves the right to respond to the art (or other) rejections in further prosecution.

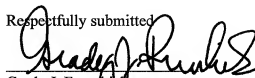
As required by Rule 116, this Amendment places all claims in condition for allowance thereby obviating the need for appeal. Entry and issuance of all claims, according to Rule 116, is therefore requested.

All other claims being either cancelled or withdrawn, a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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